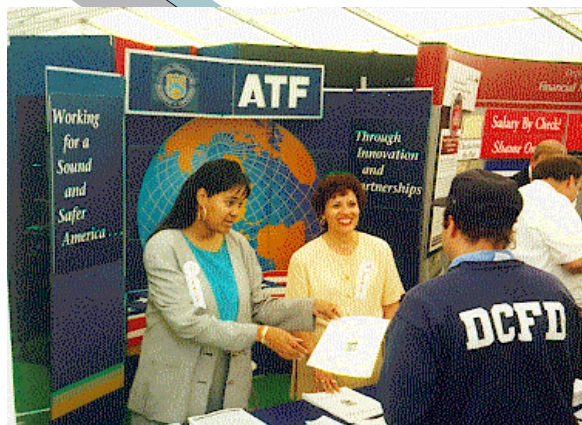
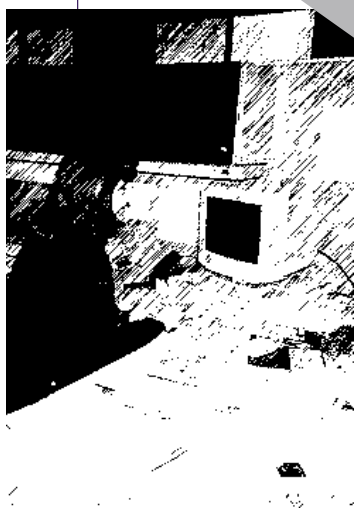
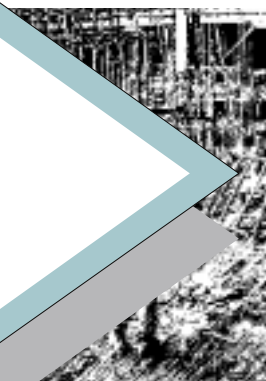
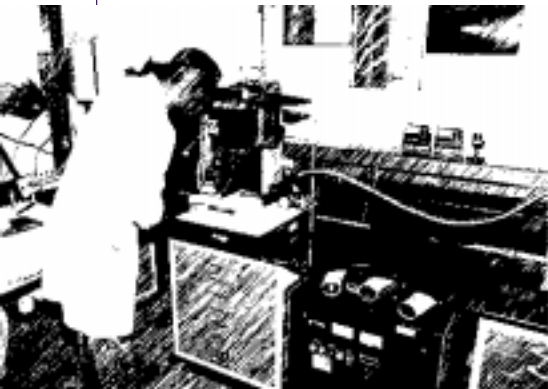


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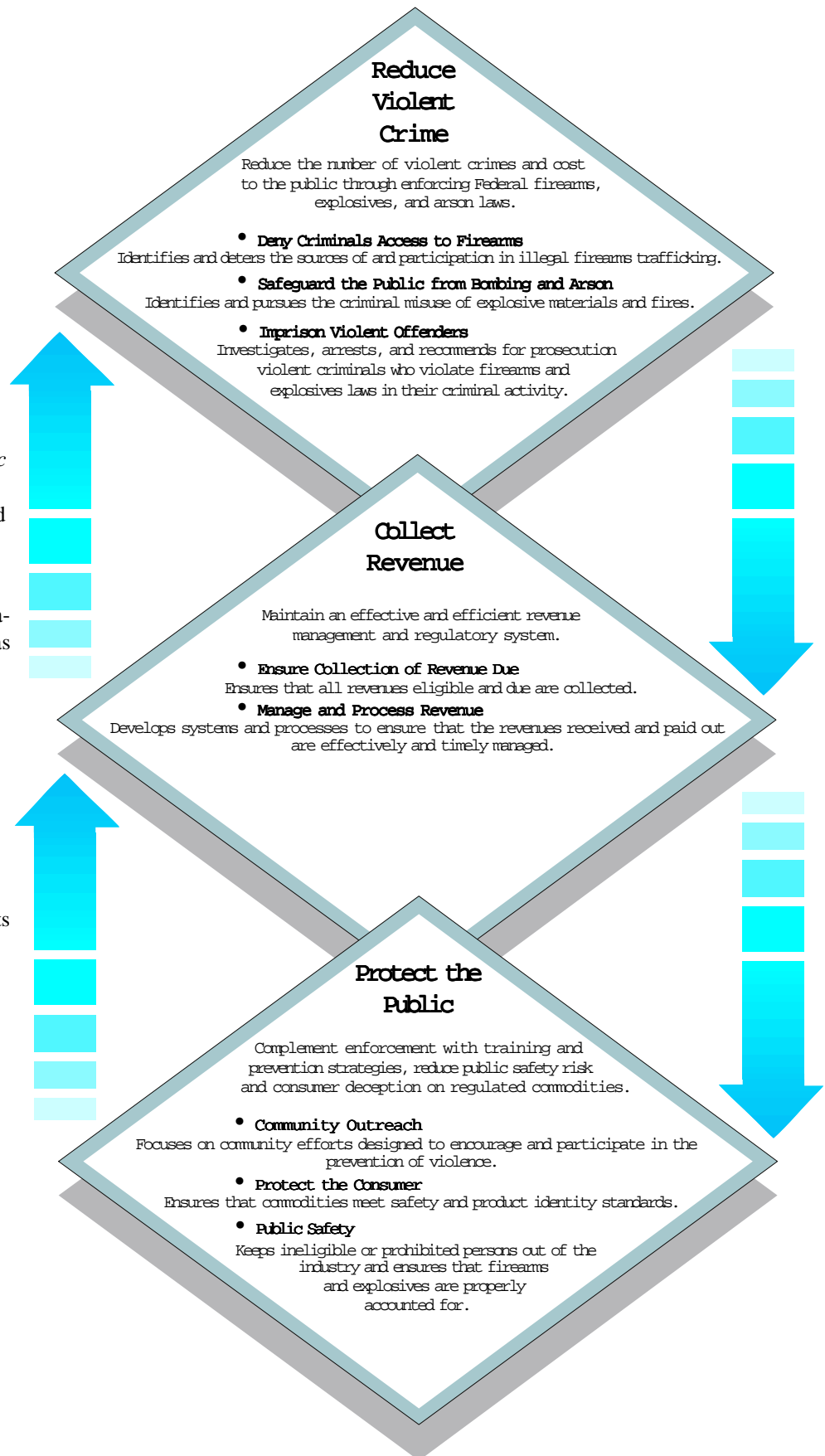
“ATF’s collaborative approach to problem solving yields increasing benefits to our customers and the public.”

ATF serves its customers and stakeholders by working with industry members, other agencies, and the American public. A bureau within the Department of the Treasury, ATF is responsible for a wide variety of programs critical to achieving a sound and safer America, through innovations and partnerships.

ATF redefined its planning and budgeting structure during FY 1996 into three major activities: *Reduce Violent Crime, Collect Revenue, and Protect the Public*, that clearly reflect the Bureau’s mission. Programs in each mission area implement the objectives of these activities and are discussed in the Program Discussion and Analysis section of this report.

Programs that support the *Reduce Violent Crime* activity are Deny Criminals Access to Firearms, Safeguard the Public from Bombing and Arson, and Imprison Violent Offenders. The *Collect Revenue* programs are Ensure Collection of Revenue Due and Manage and Process Revenue. *Protect the Public* program areas are Community Outreach, Protect the Consumer, and Public Safety.

Interwoven with the three major activities is Program and Administrative Support, which includes all areas that support the Bureau's major activities. For example, ATF's Training and Professional Development Directorate supports and develops training not only for ATF employees, but also for state, local, and international law enforcement agencies. ATF accomplished a number of significant management initiatives and program achievements during FY 1996.



HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Issued ATF's first strategic plan which outlined the following business strategies for the Bureau's employees, customers and stakeholders:
 - contribute effectively to a safer America through an integrated violence impact strategy;
 - maximize ATF's effect on crime and violence through the collection, analysis, and exchange of information and strategic intelligence;
 - maximize the advantages of technology for ATF and the public; and
 - establish cooperative working relationships with industries and other concerned groups through a formal ATF program.
- ✓ Processed 116,674 requests for firearms traces at the ATF National Tracing Center, an increase of 46 percent from FY 1995.
- ✓ Investigated 240 arsons at houses of worship nationwide, an increase of 209 from FY 1995. ATF cleared 32 percent of these investigations by arrest, compared with a 16 percent national clearance rate. Authored and distributed copies of the *Church Threat Assessment Guide*.
- ✓ Deployed ATF personnel to assist in the investigation of the Olympic Centennial Village bombing and the TWA Flight 800 investigation.
- ✓ Collected revenue of approximately \$12.7 billion. This revenue was generated from Federal taxes and fees imposed on alcohol, tobacco, firearms, and ammunition products. Alcohol and tobacco tax revenues comprised \$12.4 billion, or 98 percent of the total revenue collected by ATF.
- ✓ Received notice of the 5-year reaccreditations of the Forensic Science Laboratory at the National Laboratory Center in Rockville, Maryland, and the San Francisco Laboratory Center, the first two Federal laboratories to be accredited (1985) by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors, the leading professional organization committed to forensic science service for the criminal justice community.
- ✓ Instituted the 1-800-659-6242 telephone number to report thefts of commercial shipments of cigarettes.
- ✓ Established toll-free numbers, 1-888-ATF-FIRE and 1-888-ATF-BOMB, nationwide, for the public to report violent criminal activity regarding arson and explosives.
- ✓ Inspected more than 16,400 Federal Firearms Licensees and conducted an additional 21,000 preliminary investigations. More than 7,300 violations were disclosed, and 3,000 referrals were made to ATF's Criminal Enforcement office and other law enforcement agencies.
- ✓ Completed more than 3,700 explosives inspections which disclosed and corrected more than 1,200 violations.
- ✓ Worked with the Agricultural Retailers Association, the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials, and the Fertilizer Institute on a public safety awareness program about the misuse of ammonium nitrate as an explosive material.
- ✓ Trained 10,000 civilian, state, local, and international law enforcement professionals.
- ✓ Conducted 19 "train-the-trainer" classes with 599 police officers participating from across the United States in ATF's Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) Program. The program curriculum, designed to decrease gang violence across the nation, is taught by trained, uniformed police officers and ATF special agents to children in the seventh and eighth grades. In FY 1996, 328 state and local agencies sponsored GREAT classes for over 221,000 school children.
- ✓ Established ATF's Internet web site (<http://atf.treas.gov>) providing public access information on wanted posters, Federal Firearms Licensee regulations, press releases, GREAT program, and publications such as the *Church Threat Assessment Guide*.